Sociedad Bolivariana Opens New Clubhouse

What may easily be described as one of Aruba's most beautiful buildings was dedicated in two-day ceremonies by the Sociedad Bolivariana December 16 and 17.

The new clubhouse, a large red-brick structure north of the Hotel Strand near Oranjestad, will house the activities of the society, which commemorizes the life and the deeds of Simon Bolivar, South America's great liberator. With branches all over South America (as well as in Washington, D.C. and New York) it also follows cultural pursuits, interesting itself in a program of drama, music, and variety shows. The Aruba branch is seven years old, and has been planning the new clubhouse for the past three years.

Prominent in the design is an auditorium that will seat several hundred persons. A large stage and curtain have been provided, and there is a projection room for the showing of educational films.

An unusual feature of the club is a library, containing Dutch, Spanish, and English books, which will have the distinction of being Aruba's first public library. In addition to a comfortably furnished lounge there is a game room, with billiard tables, chess sets, and other game equipment. Both of these rooms have bars. The wall around the building encloses a large playground.

The architects were Bakker and Keegstra of Curaçao; Petrona and Croes of Aruba were the builders, and J. G. de Castro directed the construction.

The officers of the society are S. N. Ecury, president, J. G. de Castro, vice-president, W. A. Goilo, treasurer, Dr. M. T. Marchena, 1st secretary, E. Kroon, 2nd secretary, Ch. J. Neme and J. A. Nieuw, commissioners, and C. Phillipszoon, legal advisor.

The inauguration ceremonies began the afternoon of December 16 with the singing of the Netherlands and Vene-

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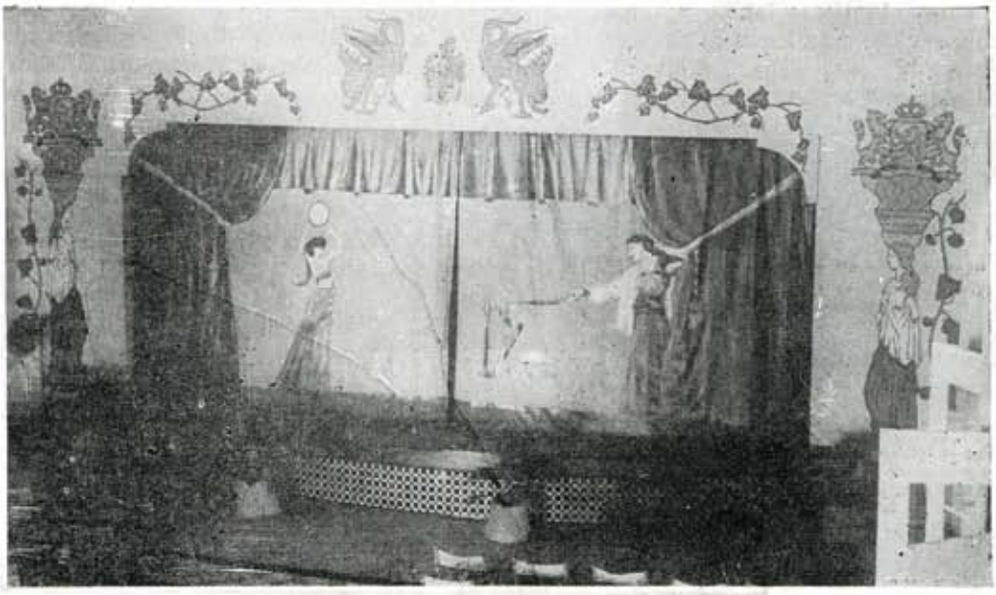

Top, a view of the Sociedad Bolivariana's new club and grounds. Center, a bust of Simon Bolivar dominates the entrance. The inscription on the monument is "Bolivar; with time his glory increases as shadows lengthen when the sun declines". The special flag of the society, at top of picture, contains the colors of all the nations liberated by Bolivar. Bottom, a view from the balcony of the auditorium.

Ariba, un bista di e club nobo Sociedad Bolivariana. Mei-mei, un busto di Simon Bolivar ta banda di e entrada. E inscripcion ariba e monumento ta bisa "Bolivar, con el tiempo crecerá tu gloria como la sombra cuando el sol declina". E bandera especial di e sociedad ta contene e colornan di tur e nacionnan cu Bolivar a liberta. Abao, un bista fo'i balcon di e sala auditorio.

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Sr. Ecury, Gezaghebber Wagemaker, i Consul Venezolano. E huespednan anto a worde conducí den e edificio.

E sociedad a tene un reunion a anochi ey, durante cual W. H. Jolley (kende a origina e idea pa e club) a worde elegí Miembro di Honor. E secretario a lesa acta di e prome reunion cu e sociedad a tene siete anja pasá, sigui pa discursonan pronunciá pa Emilio Henriquez di Corsouw, Consul General Venezolano di Corsouw, Sr. de Hoop, Consulnan di Colombia i Sto. Domingo, i Sr. Jolley, cu a papia den tres lenga.

Dia 17 di December e programa a cuminza cu un misa en memoria di Bolivar, despues di cual busto di brons di e Libertador p'adilanti di e Club a worde inaugurá, su ultimo proclamacion a worde lesá, i kransnan a worde colocá ariba e monumento. Fin di e programa es anochi ey tabata bailenan Holandes, bailenan Spañó bieuw i moderno, i cancionnan.

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zuelan national anthems and the raising of flags, before Lt. Governor Wagemaker opened the door and the guests entered. There were dedication addresses by Mr. de Castro, Mr. Ecury, the Lt. Governor, Juan Irausquin, and the Venezuelan Consul. The guests were then taken on a tour of inspection.

A meeting of the society was held that evening, at which W. H. Jolley (who originated the idea for the clubhouse) was elected Distinguished Member. The secretary read the minutes of the society's first meeting seven years ago, followed by addresses by Emilio Henriques of Curaçao, the Venezuelan Consul-General of Curaçao, Mr. de Hoop, the Consuls of Colombia and Sto. Domingo, and Mr. Jolley, who spoke in three languages.

The program on December 17 began with a church memorial service for Bolivar, after which the bronze bust of the Liberator in front of the Club was unveiled, his last proclamation was read, and wreaths were placed on the monument. That evening the program concluded with a show that included Dutch dances, old and modern Spanish dances, and songs.

B.I.A. Stages Varieties At End of School Term

The B.I.A. (Benevolent Improvement Association) observed the end of its school term December 28 with a show that filled their hall in San Nicolas to capacity.

Musical numbers and an exhibition of touch typing were included in the program, and the feature of the evening was the costume play pictured below.

In addition to other activities the B.I.A. conducts evening classes, with a school term of one year. Seventy-five students attended classes in arithmetic, English, shorthand, and typing last year. Six B.I.A. members served as instructors. The typing and shorthand teachers, whose senior pupils are now working on Gregg speed tests, learned their subjects in the Company's training classes.

The scene is from a dramatization of Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth", put on by the B.I.A. December 28. Left to right in front are Florence Shoy and Carmencita Woods of the Commissary, and Robert Wallace of the Labor Camp. In the back row, standing, are Ernest Bell of Electrical, Victor Bonnett of the Commissary, Thomas Thode of the Storehouse, Albert Baker of Personnel, and Leo Toddman.

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seesaws, swing racks, horizontal ladders, merry-go-round gliders and whips, and tiny tots' merry-go-rounds. (There are 54 pieces of pipe and steel plate in the merry-go-round glider, including the hub from a scrapped automobile or tractor).

The welding was done on a commercial basis by Joe Oduber of Lago's welding forces, at a shop he maintains at Santa Cruz, and final assembly and painting were completed at the site.

The result bears out a statement made recently by the Playground Committee: "...this is an effort that will provide chatter, laughter, lightness of heart, all-round enjoyment, and fine children's bodies".

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Dutch Army	14	Victoria	12
Lago Hts.	4	Jong Holland	1
Esso Garage	9	San Lucas	7
La Fama	8	San Nic. Jrs.	6

Relaxation..... with sickness benefits —

Being a patient in a hospital is not to be classed as pleasure, but Pierre Greaux, janitor at No. 3 Lab, is making the best of it in this picture taken shortly after a recent operation. It was a new experience for him — his first stay in a hospital.

Pierre, who hails from St. Bartholomeus, French West Indies, has been with the Laboratory continuously since January, 1929, and was an employee for a time in the very early days before the refinery was built. He speaks four languages, and is chiefly noted around the Laboratory for an excellent memory. When a chemist needs some piece of equipment which may have been stored away unused for several years, Pedro, as he is called, doesn't have to search — he usually remembers exactly where it is.

Malo den un hospital no ta un placer, pero Pierre Greaux, janitor na Laboratorio No. 3, ta sacando e miho probecho den e fotografia aki cu a worde tumá un poco tempo despues di un reciente operacion. Tabata un experiencia nobo p'e — su prome estancia den un hospital.

Pierre, kende ta bini fo'i St. Bartholomeus, un isla frances aki na West Indie, a traha continuamente den Laboratorio for di Januari, 1929, i tabata un empleado durante un tempo den e dianan ey di "antiguo" prome cu e refineria a worde construí. E ta papia cuater lenga, i ta principalmente conoci den laboratorio pa su excelente memoria. Ora cu un quimico mester di un pida material cu por a worde poní na un lugar leeuw fo'i uso durante varios anja, Pedro, manera nan ta yam'e, no tin mester di busca — e ta corda exactamente unda e ta.